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find time. I am finding out all about the country as fast as I can. I saw a man who has been horseback to the sea coast, who says Curry county, Oregon is nearly an unbroken wilderness and is inhabited by a few white nomads who worked their way through from California. Crescent City, California, is 16 miles south of Utoeto, and for many years was the only shipping point for Jacksonville and the entire Rogue River country; but since the roads have been graded *via* Ashland and the Siskiyou to Yreka and Redding, all the trading goes that way. The merchants of this valley do not care for reaching the sea on a short cut across the country; they can make more money hauling their goods farther and selling them at fabulous prices. The trading men here all get rich, and are getting richer from day to day. A number of wagons with movers on board pass through here daily from California, bound for Washington Territory. But few emigrants stop in this valley. I meet very many of the early settlers who have

The farmers' pest here are the squirrels. They are so plenty that they destroy the grain before it is cut in the fields, as also the vegetables that grow in the gardens. Bat vigorous measures are being adopted to exterminate the "varmint." As for the celebrated fern wheat, about which some new comer writes to one of the Atchison county papers, and which was copied into a Holt county paper, and which is represented as being such a great source of annoyance to the farmers here, I would say, that it is no more than our foxtail. The fields of the good farmers here are as free from the fern weeds as are good farmers' cornfields in Holt county from foxtails and cockleburrs. The wild oats grow more rank here than the fern weeds. A field once sown to oats one season and wheat the next is very sure to have a lively sprinkle of wild oats the following season. I noticed many wheat fields in the Willamette valley badly sprinkled with oats. Wild oats is a common occurrence over many por-

In the afternoon of Friday the 7th, we left the camp at Daskin's, (the Kogwe river bridge near the Falls) and drove nine miles farther on our way to Crater Lake, and stopped one and one-half miles this side of Union creek for the purpose of enjoying a bear and deer hunt, which game abounded in all this region of country. Up to this writing (at 2 P. M.) our hunters, having brought in but two deer and one lynx, (wildcat) but "nary bear." Harvey Daskin is among our hunting party. About a mile from camp he shot a deer, and as he was dragging it down the mountain he came across two cubs (young bears). He tried to capture one, when its mother made her appearance and showed fight for the protection of her offspring, whereupon Mr. Daskin retreated, believing that to be the better part of valor. The most

On our way to Fort Klamath, we came to the biggest spring on the trip. It bursts forth out of the earth eight feet one way and seventy five the other and forms what is called Wood River. The waters are very cool and as clear as crystal, and the stream is full of fish. This spring evidently receives its waters from the Crater. The point where it issues from the earth has an elevation of 2,470 feet above the level of the sea, and is almost twelve miles distant from Crater Lake.

We passed through the so called

charge for a similar job. But then it takes the former ten times as long to set up a Russian name, and although the card is two feet long he is sometimes obliged to run a few syllables of the jaw-breaker on the other side.

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